



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Basement of the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Chair
Stephen Nekolek
Suzanne Elefante
Jennifer Lopez
Cynthia Schiesel
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair
Barbara O'Brien

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Advisory Members Present:

Karen Brandel

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Assistant Chief John Leavitt, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Rick Hovden, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Sharon Callan, Tucson Police Department
Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor
Baird Greene, City Attorney's Office

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor
Sergeant Matt Ronstadt, Tucson Police Department

Others Present:

Officer Meridith Geirke, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Elise Souter, Tucson Police Department
Ana Smith, City Clerks Office

2. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting of September 15, 2009**

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to approve the minutes of September 15, 2009, with the following corrections:

Page 4, Item 8, Paragraph 1, should Read: Cynthia Schiesel, Subcommittee Chair, stated CPARB received only three applicants and that the announcement for Non-**Voting** Advisory Board Members was appropriately advertised via emails to homeowners associations, the media, radio, City website, CPARB's website, community groups and to the Mayor and Council.

Page 4, Item 8, Paragraph 4, should Read: It was moved by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, to approve the appointment of Bennett Bernal as Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board Member.

Page 4, Item 8, Paragraph 6, should Read: Motion to appoint Bennett Bernal's as a Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board Member was passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent.)

Page 4, Item 8, Paragraph 7, should Read: It was moved by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, to **deny** the appointment of Scott Egan as Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board Member.

Page 5, Item 8, Paragraph 1, should Read: Motion to appoint Scott Egan as a Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board Member failed by a roll call vote of ~~5 to 1~~, **4 to 0** (Stephen Nekolek abstained), (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent.)

Page 5, Item 8, Paragraph 2, should Read: It was moved by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, to approve the appointment of Barbara Richards as Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board Member.

Page 5, Item 8, Paragraph 4, should Read: Motion to appoint Barbara Richards as a Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board Member was passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent.)

Page 6, Item 12C, Paragraph 3, should Read: Chair Thornton announced it was her intention, with the consent of the Board, to reappoint Karen Brandel for another term as a Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board member.

3. Introduction of new Non-Voting Advisory Board Member and new representative of Research and Analysis Unit.

Chair Thornton stated she was going to announce the new Research and Analysis Unit representative but she was not in attendance, instead Officer Meredith Gierke was in and Chair Thornton welcomed her to the meeting. The two new members of the Non-Voting Advisory Board were not present, due to a previous commitment, and an illness.

4. First Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

5. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for September as reported October 1, 2009.

The Board inquired about comment #3. The constituent stated someone was spinning a sign at 1st and Grant. Even though the person moved out of the pedestrian's way, she stated she was intimidated by the incident and was not able to read the sign.

TPD stated as long as the sign carrier was not impeding traffic flow, no law was broken.

6. Lieutenant Elise Souter presenting TPD customer satisfaction survey.

Lieutenant Elise Souter, Operations and Standards Section of the Tucson Police Department (TPD) spoke about the Citizen Satisfaction Survey. She distributed a detailed report from information gathered as of March 2009. She said the mission of the Citizen Satisfaction Survey was intended to gauge satisfaction of those currently utilizing TPD services. She stated, as an additional goal, the survey was to maintain compliance with the Commission on Accreditation Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) standard 45.2.4, which required TPD to complete surveys of citizens' attitudes and opinions.

7. Office of the Independent Police Auditor

- A. Outreach Report: Report of public outreach efforts by the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditors (IPA), stated Ms. Perez, Office of Equal Opportunity Programs, was contacted by Clarence Boykins, Black Chamber of Commerce, and Assistant Chief Leavitt on preparing a citizens panel, Mr. Barton asked Assistant Chief Leavitt to give more details on the panel.

Assistant Chief John Leavitt stated The Black Chamber of Commerce, Tucson Police Department (TPD) and the Office of Independent Auditors were working together to speak on issues of the community, police involvement and race that pertained to the criminal justice system with a wide spectrum of officials present.

He stated that the theater at Pima Community College West Campus was reserved as the venue to host an open mic forum to be held on November 5, 2009.

- B. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD-related contacts by members of the public with the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) stated the office received seven complaints and four inquires during the month of August 2009; of which, three complaints were forwarded for review. Mr. Barton performed random reviews of twelve fair and thorough closed cases that were previously investigated by IA and said the IPA agreed with the findings of those cases.

8. Tucson Police Department:

- A. TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month.

Assistant Chief John Leavitt, Tucson Police Department, spoke about the department's budget and how it had affected them. He stated depending on Proposition 200 in the election of November 2009 the Police Department might be able to hire more officers. However this would not happen for a year and a half, and it would be awhile before the City felt an economic impact. He stated that if Proposition 200 does not pass, the Police Department will still have the issue of 50 vacancies.

- B. Office of Internal Affairs/Updates regarding events or developments relating to the Office of Internal Affairs during the prior month.

Lieutenant Rick Hovden, Tucson Police Department, stated everything was holding steady for the Office of Internal Affairs.

The Board asked for an update on the Southside Presbyterian Church.

Lieutenant Hovden stated he had contacted Captain Bill Richards who was the Commander of the Southside Division. He said Captain Richards stated he had been in contact with the Southside Presbyterian Church and everything was progressing. He said they were working together to resolve the issues of the neighborhood and the Southside Presbyterian Church.

9. Recess

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to forego recess.

10. Random Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case# 09-0346

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote 7 to 0, to find Case# 09-0346 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case# 09-0340

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote 7 to 0, to find Case# 09-0340 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case# 08-0796

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote 7 to 0, to find Case# 08-0796 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

11. Second Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

12. Report from the Chair / Announcements

No announcements, no report.

13. Future Agenda Items

- A. Presentation on Cop Links in November.
- B. Presentation on Child Abuse Protocol in December.
- C. Presentation update on Discipline Matrix in March 2010.

14. Adjournment – 6:40 p.m.

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to adjourn.